GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS OF KVIC
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether the KVIC has formulated plan to celebrate 50 years of the organisation;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): the new programme to be implemented by KVIC for generation of employment especially in rural areas, State-wise; and

(d): initiative taken by the Government in the area of self employment for youths?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): The Khadi and Village Industries Commission having been re-established recently, the plans to celebrate 50 years of the Commission have not been finalized so far.

(c): Government has recently approved implementation of the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) in 100 clusters of khadi, village and coir industries over five years beginning 2005-06. The scheme envisages assistance for setting up of common facility centres (CFC), quality improvement, training and capacity building, development of new products, improved packaging, new design, market promotion, etc.

(d): The Government has been implementing two credit-linked subsidy schemes, viz.,

(i) Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) and

(ii) Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) for generation of additional employment opportunities in the country. One of the main objectives of both these programmes is to facilitate generation of additional employment in the local (rural or urban) areas of each State. REGP is implemented through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to assist eligible applicants in setting up village industries in the rural areas and small tows with population up to 20,000 and the PMRY through the Governments of State/Union Territories, in both rural and urban areas, for providing self-employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth.